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Officials urging consumers to avoid pistachios due to possible salmonella contamination

CHEYENNE (April 2, 2009) – The Consumer Health Services Division of the Wyoming Department of Agriculture (WDA) and the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) is urging consumers not to eat pistachios until the possible salmonella contamination is investigated.

Recently, Setton Farms announced a recall of 1 million pounds of pistachio products after Kraft Foods notified the FDA of salmonella found during routine testing. The contaminated nuts were traced to Setton Farms in Terra Bella, California, about 75 miles from Fresno. Because the pistachios were used as ingredients in a variety of foods, the recall will likely impact many products.

Currently, more than 25 companies have announced recalls in response to this most recent salmonella investigation. After Kraft Foods found the salmonella, the company removed its Back to Nature Trail Mix from store shelves. Also, Kroger recalled Private Selection shelled pistachios from its retail stores. For a complete FDA list of recalled products, visit www.accessdata.fda.gov/scripts/pistachiorecall

“Along with individual consumers, it is especially important for retailers, food banks, charitable organizations, child care facilities and other food service operations to be aware of the recall,” said Dean Finkenbinder, Manager of the WDA Consumer Health Services Division. “If you start experiencing symptoms, see your local health provider.”

Salmonella causes cramping, diarrhea and fever. It is the greatest threat to the very young, very old and people with compromised immune systems.

The WDA has contacted retail outlets around the state to pull recalled items off store shelves. If you have any questions about the recall or status of the investigation, visit www.fda.gov/pistachios.

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